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OF

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Read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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*Be it resolved,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their proper instrumentality to provide for the immediate occupation, organization, and adequate defence of the Oregon Territory—peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must.

*Resolved,* That the Governor forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of this preamble and resolution immediately upon its passage.

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